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COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 25: QUOTE:

THE ANZUS COUNCIL HELD ITS TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING IN  
WASHINGTON ON APRIL 24 AND 25, 1975. SENATOR THE

HONORABLE DONALD R. WILLESEE, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA; THE HONORABLE ARTHUR J. FAULKNER, MINISTER OF LABOR, REPRESENTED NEW ZEALAND; AND THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. INGERSOLL, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, REPRESENTED THE US. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING.

THE MINISTERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON A WIDE RANGE OF STRATEGIC, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE ANZUS PARTNERS. THEY REAFFIRMED THE ENDURING NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES, BASED AS IT IS ON A SUBSTANTIAL COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS AND A SHARED HERITAGE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, AND THE RULE OF LAW. THE ANZUS TREATY AND THE REGULAR CONSULTATIONS FOR WHICH IT PROVIDES ARE A NATURAL EXPRESSION OF THIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP.

THE MINISTERS WELCOMED THE CONTINUING PROCESS OF DETENTE AMONG THE MAJOR POWERS, AND EFFORTS TO WORK TOWARD A MORE STABLE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP AMONG STATES. THEY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RENEWED EFFORTS MIGHT BRING ABOUT PEACE IN AREAS OF CONTINUING CONFLICT SUCH AS INDOCHINA, AND MORE PEACEFUL AND STABLE RELATIONSHIPS IN AREAS OF RECENT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT SUCH AS THE NEAR EAST.

THE MINISTERS REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN INDOCHINA. THE MINISTERS NOTED THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND

REGRETTED THE CONTINUING LOSS OF LIFE AND THE WIDESPREAD HUMAN MISERY CAUSED BY THE FIGHTING. THEY RECOGNIZED THAT AN EARLY END TO THE FIGHTING, AN ADHERENCE TO THE PARIS AGREEMENTS, AND A SPIRIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WERE PREREQUISITES TO AN END TO THE SUFFERING. THE COUNCIL EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN CAMBODIA WOULD BE SPEEDILY HEALED, AND NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE CONTINUED PEACEFUL EVOLUTION LAOS.  
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THE COUNCIL WELCOMED THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW SPIRIT OF REGIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND SELF-RELIANCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PRACTICAL MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO DEVELOP THE HABIT OF REGIONAL COOPERATION. THE MINISTERS APPLAUDED THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS AND INDICATED THE DESIRE OF THEIR COUNTRIES TO ASSIST THIS COOPERATION.

THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE SOUTH EAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION AND THE FIVE POWER DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS CONTRIBUTED TO THE CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE AREA AND PROVIDED A USEFUL FRAMEWORK FOR PRACTICAL COOPERATION.

THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ITS EFFECTS WITHIN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION. THEY DISCUSSED THE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THE PRESENT DOWNTURN IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND ALSO THE COLLECTIVE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT WHICH HAS BEGUN TO EVOLVE A MORE SOUNDLY-BASED WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. THE MINISTERS AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH OTHER NATIONS ON PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND TRADE. IN PARTICULAR, THEY AGREED THAT IN MATTERS RELATING TO TRADE IN RAW MATERIALS AND PRIMARY PRODUCTS THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OIL EXPORTING AND OIL IMPORTING COUNTRIES WOULD SEEK TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM THROUGH DIALOGUE. THEY AFFIRMED THE NEED FOR

CONTINUED EFFORTS AIMED AT LIBERALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THE MINISTERS NOTED THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACED BY THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AND AGREED ON THE NEED FOR EFFORTS TO SEE THAT THE NET FLOW OF RESOURCES TO THOSE COUNTRIES IS NOT DIMINISHED.

THE COUNCIL REVIEWED PROGRESS TOWARD ARMS LIMITATIONS AND THE LIMITING OF THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.  
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THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT FURTHER MEASURES OF ARMS CONTROL ARE A NECESSARY CONCOMITANT OF THE CONTINUING TREND TOWARD DETENTE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND STABLE WORLD ORDER. NOTING THE NEED FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS REDUCTION IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE COUNCIL EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR WILL MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS. THE COUNCIL SUPPORTED THE CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE AS AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT THE LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS. THE MINISTERS NOTED THAT A CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES WILL REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, AND EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE FOR A STRENGTHENING OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME. THE COUNCIL NOTED THE CONCLUSION OF A THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY AND REAFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE EARLY ACHIEVEMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY.

THE MINISTERS WELCOMED THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY OF INDEPENDENT AND SELF-GOVERNING STATES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, INCLUDING THE FORTHCOMING INDEPENDENCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE AUSTRALIA HAS PLAYED IN ASSISTING THE EMERGENCE OF THIS NEW STATE.

IN CONCLUSION, THE ANZUS PARTNERS REAFFIRMED THE GREAT  
VALUE EACH PLACED ON THE ALLIANCE. THEY AGREED THAT THE  
CONTINUITY SYMBOLIZED BY THE ANZUS TREATY WAS IMPORTANT  
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OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGE, AND THAT THE ALLIANCE  
CONTINUED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE EVOLUTION OF  
STABILITY AND NORMAL RELATIONSHIPS AMONG STATES IN THE  
ASIA AND PACIFIC AREA. THE THREE PARTNERS AGREED TO  
CONTINUE TO CONSULT CLOSELY ON ALL MATTERS OF COMMON  
CONCERN. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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